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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The 11th edition of the Khel Mahakumbh was started at Sardar Patel Stadium in Ahmedabad by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
 - This edition of the Khel Mahakumbh includes 36 general sports and 26 para-sports.
- ❖ Jammu and Kashmir Bank (J&K Bank) was honored with the “National Award for Outstanding Performance for FY 2020-21”.
 - This is in recognition of its best performance in Self-Help Group Bank Linkage.
- ❖ The first Virtual Smart Grid Knowledge Centre of India was inaugurated in Manesar, Haryana.
- ❖ For the first time, India’s equity market reached the world’s fifth position in terms of market capitalization.
 - At present India is ranked 5th, after the U.S., China, Japan, and Hong Kong.

TAMIL NADU

Spotted Royal butterfly



- ❖ The Spotted Royal (*Tajuria maculata*) butterfly was rediscovered again in the Nilgiris district.
- ❖ It has not been recorded in the Nilgiris for over a century.
- ❖ It was rediscovered by members of the Wynter-Blyth Association (WBA).
- ❖ It is known to occur in the Northeast of India.

- ❖ The Spotted Royal lives close to its host plant, which is native Loranthus species.

Tamil Nadu Covid-19 death

- ❖ After almost two years, Tamil Nadu reported no Covid-19 death on March 11th.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu has so far reported 38,023 Covid deaths since March 2020.
- ❖ The state recorded the first death on March 25 of 2020 in the Government Rajaji General Hospital in Madurai.

NATIONAL

Vincov-19



- ❖ The first indigenous drug to treat COVID-19 named Vincov-19 is expected to be made available to the public soon.
- ❖ CSIR-Centre for Cellular & Molecular Biology (CCMB), VINS Bioproducts, and the University of Hyderabad (UoH) has collaborated to create the drug 'Vincov-19.'
- ❖ To create this drug, the SARS-CoV-2 virus is inactivated and injected into horses.

Adavi brand

- ❖ The minor forest produces harvested by Kerala's Nilambur tribespeople, such as wild honey, will now be marketed under the Adavi brand.

- ❖ National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development and the Jan Shikshan Sansthan has jointly launched the Adavi brand at a tribal festival that was held at Nilambur.



Grameena Habba



NABARD GRAMEENA HABBA
2022





Udupi Sarees



10-14 March 2022, Venue: Mantri Square Mall, Malleshwaram

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- ❖ Grameena Habba is a platform for rural artisans to sell handicraft, agricultural, and handloom products.

- ❖ It was held by NABARD's Karnataka regional office in Bengaluru.
- ❖ This event features handloom sarees, handmade arts, home decors, handwoven clothing material, etc. from numerous districts of Karnataka and across India.
- ❖ The incomes from the sale of these items will go directly to the artisans.

Young Scientist Programme

- ❖ The Indian Space Research Organisation is organizing a special programme for school children called "YUva Vigyani KARYakram" (YUVIKA) or "Young Scientist Programme".
- ❖ It aims at creating awareness about emerging trends in science and technology.
- ❖ This programme is expected to encourage more students to pursue research and a career in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.



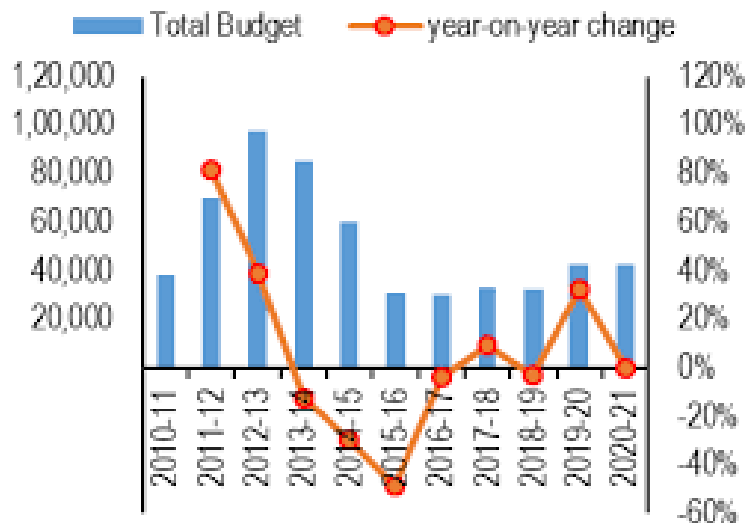
Global Investment in Digital Shopping 2021

- ❖ India is the second-largest global venture capital investment hub for digital shopping companies.
- ❖ This is according to the London & Partners analysis of Dealroom. co-investment data.
- ❖ On a global scale, India came in second to the US last year.

- ❖ Within India, Bengaluru comes out on top.



Indian Petroleum & Natural Gas Statistics 2020-21



- ❖ Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Hardeep Singh Puri launched 'Indian Petroleum & Natural Gas Statistics 2020-21'.
- ❖ It is the annual publication of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

- ❖ It gives an overall picture of India's petroleum & Gas sector.
- ❖ India imports nearly 85% of its crude oil requirements.
- ❖ Thus, in 2020-21 India's self-sufficiency ratio for petroleum products was 15.6%.
- ❖ Petrol and diesel prices in India are the highest among South Asia countries.
- ❖ India is dependent on imports for meeting about 54% of its Natural gas needs.

Capital Employer Initiative



- ❖ The Capital Employer Initiative is a programme financed by the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) under the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY).
- ❖ Through the captive employer initiative, requirements of the industry shall be addressed.
- ❖ This initiative will also give a significant boost to the industry.

STATES

Child Budget - Madhya Pradesh

- ❖ The Madhya Pradesh state government for the first time presented a 'child budget' as part of its annual financial plan.
- ❖ The Child Budget will ensure that the children of the state have a bright future.

- ❖ The Child Budget will enable the government to deal with schemes that will be child-oriented including infant mortality and malnutrition.

Budget for Children in Madhya Pradesh



Indrayani Medicity

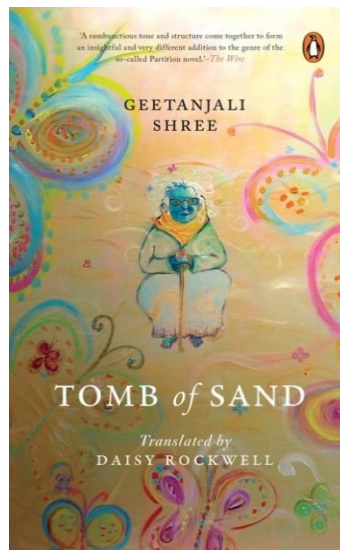
- ❖ The state government of Maharashtra has announced to set up the country's first medical city named 'Indrayani Medicity' in Pune.
- ❖ This is to provide all kinds of specialized treatment under one roof.
- ❖ Indrayani Medicity will have hospitals, centers for medical research, pharmaceutical manufacturing, wellness, and physiotherapy.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Tomb of Sand

- ❖ Author Geetanjali Shree's translated Hindi novel "Tomb of Sand" is among 13 books long-listed for the International Booker Prize.
- ❖ It is the first Hindi language work of fiction to make it to the long list of the prestigious literary prize.

- ❖ The book was originally published as 'Ret Samadhi'.
- ❖ It was translated into English by Daisy Rockwell.



IMPORTANT DAYS

World Glaucoma Day - March 12

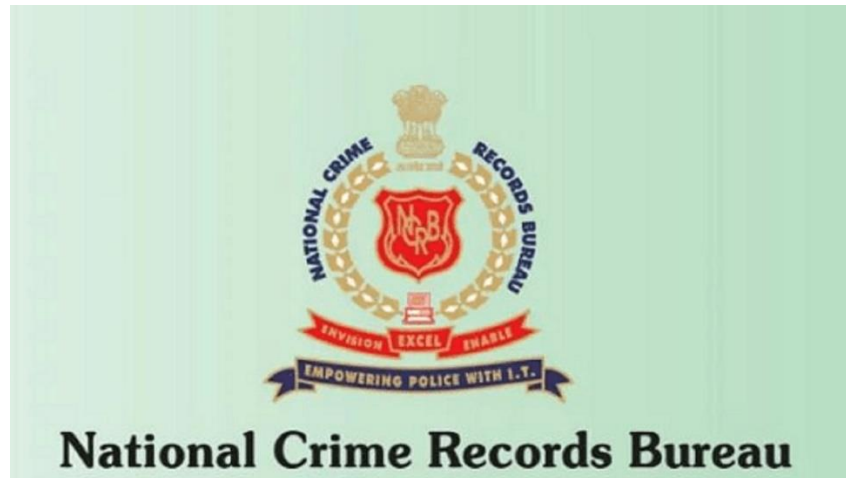
- ❖ It is to raise awareness about glaucoma and to alert everyone to have regular eye (and optic nerve) check-ups to detect glaucoma as early as possible.
- ❖ Glaucoma is one of the leading causes of irreversible blindness.
- ❖ World Glaucoma Week is also observed from March 6-12 for the year 2022.



NCRB foundation day – March 12

- ❖ Amit Shah, Union Minister of Home Affairs addressed the 37th Foundation Day(Raising Day) celebrations of the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) as the chief guest.

- ❖ He is the first Union Home Minister to attend a Foundation Day function of the NCRB.
- ❖ NCRB was set up in 1986 based on the recommendations of the Tandon Committee, the National Police Commission (1977-1981), and the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)'s Taskforce (1985).



World Consumer Rights Day - March 15

- ❖ The day marks an opportunity to urge that all consumers' rights be recognized and safeguarded, as well as to protest market abuses and social injustices that jeopardize those rights.
- ❖ The theme for this year is "Fair Digital Finance."

